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In re Patent Application of:

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND
IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE

Examiner: W. J. Tucker

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 1), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 1), the period for response being extended through a Request for One-Month Extension of Time submitted herewith. Claims 1-8 are pending where claims 1, 4, and 7 are independent.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of *Okada et al.*—U.S. Patent No. 6,704,463 and *Nakami et al.*—U.S. Patent No. 6,510,254. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

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